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SUBJECT: SIGNING OF FRENCH AID AGREEMENTS

1. FRENCH MINISTER OF COOPERATION MR. ROBERT GALLEY ARRIVED IN TOGO SEPT. 23 FOR A 48 HOUR VISIT AS PART OF HIS FIRST TRIP TO AFRICA. WHILE HERE, HE SIGNED FIVE AID AGREEMENTS TOTALING 532,372,500 CFA (DOLS. 2,190,834).

2. THE FIVE AID AGREEMENTS COVER THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

A. THE SECOND INSTALLMENT OF FRANCE'S CONTRIBUTION TO A JOINT WORLD BANK, GOT, PROGRAM OF DEVELOPMENT OF CACAO AND COFFEE PRODUCTION. THEIR CONTRIBUTION OF 93,400,000 CFA (DOLS. 384,362) WILL BE USED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, APPLIED RESEARCH, DIRT ROADS AND MARKETING STUDIES.

B. 175,000,000 CFA (DOLS. 720,165) WENT TO ANOTHER JOINTLY FINANCED (BIRD AND THE GOT) PROJECT TO DEVELOP COTTON PLANTS AND FOOD CROPS.

C. A 63,600,000 CFA (DOLS. 261,728) GRANT TO THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE TO ENABLE THEM TO TAKE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF TOGOLESE TERRITORY AT THE RESOLUTION OF 1/30,000.

D. THE ANNUAL 4TH QUARTER SUBSIDY FOR TOGOLESE

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TELEVISION 175,000,000 CFA (DOLS. 720,167).

E. 25,372,500 CFA (DOLS 104,414) FOR SUPPLYING SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCIENTIFIC MATERIALS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS. ALSO FOR A TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM DURING THE 1976/77 SCHOOL YEAR.

3. COMMENT: WHEN QUERIED ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RAPID EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTERS (FOREIGN MINISTER KODJO ON PRESIDENT GISCARD AND MINISTER GALLEY ON PRESIDENT EYADEMA) THE FRENCH EMBASSY RESPONDED THAT IT HAD BEEN A MATTER OF PROTOCOL AS TOGO IS PRESIDENT OF THE ENTENTE THIS YEAR. YOUNG

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